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22 January 1964

Dear Al:

Subject: Sponge Rubber Spacer to Replace  
Present Rigid Spacer on Top of Kit

25X1A 1. Reference is made to a letter dated 9 January from 25X1A  
[redacted] to myself with info copies to [redacted],  
same subject as above.

2. The problem of properly supporting the parachute has  
been discussed for many months and now, in view of the emphasis  
on comfort improvement, I believe we should consider modifi-  
cation suggestions that look promising. This was vividly  
brought to my attention last week when I saw the method being  
employed by our friends out yonder. They are covering the  
rigid block with foam and securing it to the kit with masking  
tape, similar to the way we did it at [redacted] I believe you 25X1A  
will agree that we should be able to do better.

3. Perhaps Ed is on the right track with his modification,  
however, by making the entire support block out of foam we  
lose survival item space now in the rigid block. Would like  
you to investigate the possibility of using the rigid block  
plus the foam and still maintain the parachute support mentioned  
in Ed's letter.

4. Would appreciate your comments on this and/or other  
possible ways to improve the situation.

Sincerely,

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